

SUNBEAMS NURSERY

ST ALPHEGE CE INFANT SCHOOL

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Newsletter

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

December 2024

Mon 9th – Whole School Christmas Church Service (2.30pm)
Tues 10th – Year R Nativity 9.30am (School Hall)
Tues 10th – Sunbeams Stay and Play 2pm-3.15pm
Weds 11th – Year R Nativity 9.30am (School Hall)
Weds 11th – Christmas Lunch
Thurs 12th – Christmas Jumper Day in aid of Save the Children
Thurs 12th – Christmas Fair (School Hall) from 3.15pm
Mon 16th – Year 2 Nativity 2.30pm (School Hall)
Tues 17th – Year 2 Nativity 2.30pm (School Hall)
Weds 18th – Year 1 Concert 9.30am (School Hall)
Weds 18th – Year 1 Concert 2.30pm (School Hall)
Thurs 19th – Sunbeams Nativity 9.30am (School Hall)
Fri 20th – End of Term 2

January 2025

Mon 6th – Start of Term 3

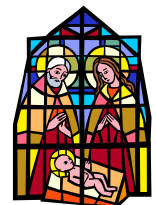


Festive Photos

On the lead up to Christmas, we would love to see your festive family photos! If you would like to share a photo of your Christmas decorations or tree, please email these to the school office (office@st-alphege.kent.sch.uk). These will be collected together and then shared on the school Facebook page, so please make sure any people in the photo give their consent to be featured! We look forward to seeing all your festive family cheer!

Whole School Christmas Church Service - Monday 9th December

All parents and carers are warmly invited to attend our church service on **Monday 9th December at 2.30pm** at St Alphege Church, where we will be thinking about Advent. We will return to school afterwards and you can collect your child from school at 3.15pm as usual.



Christmas Nativities to Parents

All year groups will be performing for parents in the hall. If there are two performances, please attend **one**, whichever is most convenient for you, as space in the hall is limited. All family members welcome.

Tuesday 10th December at 9.30am
Wednesday 11th December at 9.30am
Monday 16th December at 2.30pm
Tuesday 17th December at 2.30pm
Wednesday 18th December at 9.30am
Wednesday 18th December at 2.30pm
Thursday 19th December at 9.30am

Year R Nativity
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Year 2 Nativity
Year 2 Nativity
Year 1 Concert
Year 1 Concert
Sunbeams Nativity – (written themselves!)

Children's Christmas Lunch – Wednesday 11th December



The menu will include; roast turkey, roast potatoes, stuffing, mini sausage, peas, carrots and gravy plus a festive treat for dessert. Please note there is a vegetarian option available but we are unable to offer jacket potatoes or sandwiches on this day. All meals are free to all children in years R-2. If your child would like to bring their own packed lunch from home perhaps it could include a little festive treat on this day! Sunbeams nursery children who attend on a Wednesday will also be able to have Christmas dinner at the usual cost of £1.85.

Friends Christmas Fair – Thursday 12th December 3.15pm – 5.00pm

The Friends Christmas fair and Christmas raffle will be held on Thursday 12th December. Raffle tickets are available to purchase up until Wednesday 11th December. If you require more, these are available at the school office. All the money raised will contribute towards the refurbishment of the school playground. Prizes include £50 dining voucher for the Monument, £25 voucher for Bears Ice Cream, £40 voucher for Please Sir!, a Margot Selby cushion, bottle of Whitstable Harbour Gin, plus many more prizes from local businesses.

Cakes for the Christmas Fair

We are asking for contributions of homemade cake/biscuits/sweet treats to sell at our Christmas fair this year. All money raised will contribute towards the refurbishment of the school playground.



Christmas Jumper Day – Thursday 12th December

This year we are again taking part in the Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day. Children can wear a festive jumper instead of their school jumper (all other uniform items to be worn please.) Please do not feel that you have to buy a jumper. You could always add some festive sparkle to a jumper that you already own. All monetary donations can be paid directly to the JustGiving page via the following link: [Save the Children JustGiving Page](#)



A Special Visit from Father Christmas – Thursday 12th December

We are delighted to say that we are expecting a visit from Father Christmas and his elf on **Thursday 12th December**. He will be hosting "an audience with Father Christmas" in the school hall and each class will visit him to ask questions and hear some festive stories. He has let us know that he may be bringing a special present for each class to enjoy in school.

Community



Concerned about your pre-school child's speech, language or communication skills?

Talking Walk-ins are play-based drop-in sessions where you can speak to a speech and language therapist or other staff.

Just turn up – no need to book!

Available for preschool-aged children only. This service runs in other parts of Kent.

Family Hubs	Day/session
Wincheap Family Hub 15 Wincheap, Canterbury CT1 3SD Tel: 0300 041 0014	Time: 09:30-11:30 On first and third Thursdays of the month: 2/1/25, 16/1/25, 6/2/25, 20/2/25, 6/3/25, 20/3/25, 3/4/25, 17/4/25
Kingamead Family Hub Kingsmead Rd, Canterbury CT2 7PH Tel: 0300 041 3999	Time: 09:30-11:30 On fourth Friday of the month: 24/1/25, 28/2/25, 28/3/25, 25/4/25
Herne Bay Family Hub Kings Road, Herne Bay, Kent, CT6 5RG Tel: 0300 042 2889	Time: 09:30-11:30 On second and fourth Wednesdays of the month: 8/1/25, 22/1/25, 12/2/25, 26/2/25, 12/3/25, 26/3/25, 9/4/25, 23/4/25
Whitstable Family Hub Tower Parade, Whitstable, Kent, CT5 2BF Tel: 0300 042 1554	Time: 09:30-11:30 On first Tuesday of the month: 7/1/25, 4/2/25, 4/3/25, 1/4/25

Talking Walk-ins provide you with advice or ideas to try at home. We may signpost you to other support or invite you to a follow-up with the speech and language therapy service. They run in school holidays, but not on Bank Holidays or between Christmas and New Year. Check the Canterbury Family Hub Facebook page for updates.



If you do not have parental responsibility for the child you are bringing, please ensure you bring written consent from the person with parental responsibility. If we do not have this, we will be unable to see the child.



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DECEMBER

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King Alphege Attendance Lion

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King Alphege is awarded to the class with the highest percentage attendance each week



King Alphege Attendance Lion
W/E 29.11.24
Oysters Class 98.6%

Weekly Awards

Whole School Awards!

Our awards this year represent our School Development priorities: ORBITS. The children have been busy designing our new stickers to accompany each of the areas of our School Plan. It was a very difficult choice, as their drawings were all brilliant, but we have settled on the final six below. Each class nominate one child to celebrate their achievements each week.



Outstanding Writing

Finley – Puffins Class



Retrieval of Learning

Percy – Seagulls Class



Building Connections

George - Oysters Class



Inspirational Curriculum

Dalia – Pearls Class



Talents and Creativity

Aurelia - Shells Class



Simcha (Shared Joy)

Rufus - Pebbles Class

Weekly Year Group Recap

Sunbeams
Mrs Humphreys

We started the week with a Circus workshop in the main hall. Sunbeams were enthralled by the juggling Phil demonstrated, which was also very funny and caused much laughter. Then Sunbeams had a go at juggling scarves before they walked the tightrope and spun plates. It really was a lot of fun! We have been writing our nativity this week which we will be sharing with you on the 19th. Our nativity is in the children's own words so expect some interesting embellishments to the Christmas Story you know! We have been practicing our songs and next week we shall start our rehearsals in the main school hall. Next Tuesday afternoon we will be welcoming any of our Sunbeams families who can make it, into the setting for a stay and play between 2pm and 3:15pm, so please do come along and join your child in play.

Year R
Mrs Keeble and Mrs Jones

We have really entered into the festive season this week and the excitement is growing for our nativity performances on Tuesday and Wednesday next week. We can't wait to share our singing, acting and skills as musicians! The children really enjoyed sharing their festive crafts with those of you who were able to come, thank you! We loved Circus Day and had great fun balancing on a tightrope, spinning plates and juggling. Our children have really impressed us with the respect that they have shown as we have gradually joined with the rest of the school for collective worship: on Tuesday we have singing worship with Mrs Memmott and on Thursday there is celebration worship. Next term we will also join worship on Wednesdays. Next week we will all be walking to St. Alphege Church for our Christmas worship together: all families are welcome to join us on Monday 2:30pm. In Maths this week we have been learning about the properties of circles and triangles and in phonics we are coming to the end of this term's sounds – you can recap all of our sounds at home using the sticker in your reading record. Our phonics reading book was Tap it Tad! There has been a technical problem at Big Cat Books but hopefully now you can access seven phonics books online.

Year 1
Miss Hughes and Mr Mead

We have been feeling the excitement of Christmas in Year 1 this week, and we are all very excited it is now December! We have been opening our class advent calendars each morning and counting the days until the 25th! We have been practising our concert songs each day this week – maybe you could ask us to sing you one at home. We can't wait to sing them to you on the 18th! For our Creation Week in English, we became news reporters and told the world about the danger of the Big Bad Wolf and the events that happened to Little Red and her Grandma. We even filmed ourselves and used props like microphones to make us look and feel like real news reporters! We had lots of fun watching these back in our classroom all together! In Maths we have been learning about fact families and the relationship between numbers. We have been writing subtractions and additions using three numbers, and remembering that additions create big answers and subtractions create small ones. We have been making our own toys in our Design and Technology lessons and these are coming home with us when they are finished! If your child would like to write Christmas cards for the class, please find your teacher for a class list. Have a lovely weekend everyone!

Year 2
Mrs O'Keeffe and Mrs Cook

What a fun and busy week we've had in Year 2 this week! In English it was Creation Week, and we have been writing a guide on how to look after our planet in lots of different ways including recycling, donating clothes to charity, and using reusable bottles instead of plastic ones. The children used imperative (bossy) verbs to write rules and conjunctions to extend their sentences. The writing was amazing and next week we are looking forward to using our work to create a poster about saving our planet. In Maths we tackled the tricky topic of column addition. We have finished our addition and subtraction topic now and will be moving on to 2D and 3D shapes, focusing on identifying them and discussing their properties. In Art this week we recreated the work of Jackson Pollock with an exciting carousel! The children created works of art using string, marbles, pipettes and spoons! Next week we will be doing lots of Christmas crafts and art, including creating paper chains, handprint wreaths, and Christmas cards. We are really excited about our Nativity show and have been busy practising all week! Just a reminder to please send in costumes by Monday 9th December please. Have a lovely weekend!
